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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**FORMER MOTORCYCLE GANG PRESIDENT GETS LIFE
FOR METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that OSCAR B. McGRAW, JR., 56, Carlisle, Indiana, was sentenced to life imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his conviction for the charge of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. This case was the result of an 18 month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Evansville Police Department, Vincennes Police Department, Terre Haute Police Department, Gibson County Sheriff's Department, and Vigo County Sheriff's Department.

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Brooks said, "In the federal system, life means life, and this conviction is significant. In a year and a half, McGraw and his network moved enough methamphetamine through western Indiana to supply every citizen in Sullivan County with meth 25 times over. Locking him behind bars will have a substantial impact on the drug market in nine western Indiana counties."

McGraw, the former national president of the Diablos Motorcycle Gang, was the ringleader of an organization that distributed approximately 600 pounds of methamphetamine with a street value of approximately \$17 million in western Indiana from January 2001 through June 26, 2002. Through wire surveillance over six telephones, federal authorities dismantled McGraw's drug trafficking organization which centered around members of the Diablos Motorcycle Gang.

A member of the San Bernardino, California chapter of the Diablos, Samuel T. Hargrove, was the source of the methamphetamine. William C. Gray, another member of the San Bernardino chapter, was Hargrove's partner and assisted Hargrove with the packaging and shipment of the methamphetamine to western Indiana. Hargrove and Gray have both been sentenced for their involvement in the conspiracy. Gray's sentence was life imprisonment.

Upon arriving, McGraw's operatives distributed the methamphetamine to customers throughout the region. Law enforcement intercepted an eleven pound shipment of methamphetamine on May 3, 2002, which McGraw's associates had received from California.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also fined McGraw \$2,000.

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